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Business Leaders and City Collaborate to Consider Downtown Development Authority

For the past several years the city council, staff, and Downtown Littleton merchants and property owners have discussed elevating the success of this beloved center of activity, business, and tourism through a Business Improvement District or Downtown Development Authority (DDA). These tools are used successfully in historic downtowns across Colorado including Fort Collins, Golden, Grand Junction, and Castle Rock. In 2021, the city council approved a Downtown Improvement District Feasibility Study with Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA). The consulting firm supports downtown management organizations in developing tactical strategic plans to guide their evolution, blending local aspirations with national best practices. PUMA has facilitated hundreds of projects across the country and internationally.

A group of Downtown Littleton stakeholders, city staff, and the consultants have met regularly to facilitate the project. The process has included stakeholder engagement, research, education, identifying potential district boundaries, and outlining priorities for investments and services. A survey concluded May 5 with more than 700 respondents sharing their vision, concerns, and hopes for downtown. Five areas were identified with short-and long-term priorities:

- Improved parking experience
- Well-connected
- Beautiful and welcoming
- Clean and safe
- Business friendly and vibrant



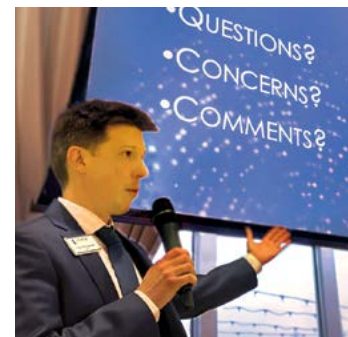
DDAs facilitate partnerships, joining businesses and property owners with local government. A DDA is managed by a board of directors appointed by the municipality. It is funded primarily through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds generated by the anticipated increase in sales and property taxes in the district. TIF funds are then reinvested into downtown infrastructure. Voters within the DDA boundary can also consider up to 5 mills assessed for DDA operations.

The Littleton City Council will hold a study session June 14 to consider whether to place a question on the November, 2022 ballot for a decision by voters within the boundary. Visit www.littletondda.org for more information.

Littleton's bright future outlined at State of the City event

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter, the city council, and leadership team members hosted the State of the City event May 4. More than 100 residents and business leaders enjoyed breakfast, networking, and a glimpse of Littleton's current state and plans for the future.

Presentations were made by city staff on topics including the new Unified Land Use Code, an update on the city's financial picture, plans for 3A infrastructure improvements, emerging economic development strategies, and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds. There was also discussion on this spring and summer's community research and engagement project exploring potential fall ballot questions concerning a lodging tax to support city council's goal of Arts, Culture and Tourism, a charter amendment to clean up outdated financial policies, and a possible Downtown Improvement District to be considered by voters within



the yet to be determined boundary.

To watch a video of the State of the City visit the city's YouTube channel at <https://www.littletongov.org/soc2022>.

City Manager Finalists Announced

Residents were invited to a reception to meet the three finalists selected to become Littleton's new city manager on Wednesday, May 18. At press time, the finalists were: James Becklenberg, A.J. Krieger, and Jim Thorsen (brief backgrounds listed at right).

Utilizing the resources of CPS HR Consulting, the city council and consultants considered 77 applicants for the vacancy created by City Manager Mark Relph's retirement, effective June 1, 2022. Three panels held interviews May 18 and 19: the community and subject matter experts, the leadership team, and city council. The city council was expected to select a new city manager in the following days subject to contract negotiations. Littleton Police Chief Doug Stephens will serve as interim city manager between Relph's retirement date and the start date of the new city manager.

Applicants hailed from across the United States. Littleton is considered a very desirable place to live and work thanks to a collaborative city council who established clear goals and a work plan, and a dedicated staff and citizenry who are committed to Littleton's continued success. For updated information on the city manager selection process, visit littletongov.org.

- **James Becklenberg**, city manager of Evans, Colorado since 2017. He was previously assistant city and county manager in Broomfield, Colorado. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas.
- **A.J. Krieger**, town manager of Firestone, Colorado since 2018. He was previously town administrator in Erie, Colorado. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Saint Louis University.
- **Jim Thorsen**, city manager of Cherry Hills Village from 2016-2020. He was previously city manager of Malibu, California. He holds a master's degree in public administration from California State University Northridge.

Decades Old Charter Requirements Affect Efficient Purchasing

A recent study session presentation by finance and procurement staff described issues created by Littleton's decades-old charter provisions surrounding capital assets, limitations on negotiating prices with vendors, and challenges to entering contracts that deliver best value for the city.

On May 10, staff presented the constraints of Littleton's procurement policies and made recommendations to fix those limitations, some of which will require voter approval. Procurement is the process of purchasing goods and services. Both the city's charter and the city code define the parameters for purchasing goods, supplies, materials, and equipment.

Staff review of procurement policies of 17 home rule cities in Colorado revealed that Littleton's outdated purchasing regulations fail to ensure that goods, supplies, and capital assets the city buys – like furniture, asphalt, and traffic signals - are the best value. While most cities updated their procurement rules over the last 20 years, Littleton has the oldest procurement regulations, dating back to 1959. Littleton is the only city that limits the length of a contract and is one of four cities that must accept the lowest price, without regard for product quality, vendor expertise, or timeliness of delivery.

"From my perspective," said Procurement Officer Dave Ems, "the original charter from 1959 hinders our ability to ensure best value procurement and ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars."

Most notably, a 1959 provision of the city charter requires that any capital asset over \$5,000 must be competitively bid. A capital asset is defined as any item that's expected to last more than five years and costs more than \$5,000.

As anecdotal evidence, Finance Director Tiffany Hooten described the three-month process to replace a city-owned tent. "Because of the constraints of the \$5,000 bid limit, we had to create a Request for Proposal, allow time for vendors to respond, and lo and behold, we didn't get any response," Hooten said. "A \$7,500 tent cost us 60 hours of staff time, not to mention the delays in purchasing the item."

Council listened to staff's recommendations to raise the competitive bid threshold and include a "best value" criterion to the city's procurement policy. City council may consider an ordinance for a November ballot question with the goal of creating efficiencies designed to provide greater value and streamline the purchasing process.

Powers Park Could See New Future Under Proposed "Vision Plan"

Powers Park in north Littleton could become a more inviting place under a "Vision Plan" developed by South Metro Land Conservancy (SMLC).

The nonprofit has worked for decades to preserve thousands of acres of open space in the greater Littleton area. SMLC set out to explore new amenities for the park after learning that South Metro Housing Options (SMHO) is planning to build a 51-unit affordable apartment complex for seniors on an adjacent site.

Despite serving a dense neighborhood, the park has few amenities and largely functions as a stormwater catch basin. SMLC partnered with Stream Landscape Architecture to come up with new ideas for the park, guided by community input. Some of them include: building gathering and picnic areas, adding benches and a picnic pavilion, constructing a perimeter path, renovating the playground, replacing underused turf with native, drought-tolerant plants; and minimizing materials like concrete to maintain a natural feel.

SMLC's next steps are to explore funding options for the proposed renovation with the entities that own and manage the park: the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and the Mile High Flood District. The total cost of the project could be up to \$4 million. SMLC hopes to seek funding through a variety of sources, including Arapahoe County Open Space grants and other foundations.

The Vision Plan, concept drawings and more information are posted at www.smlc.land.



Littleton Police Department Receives High Marks from National Accreditation Agency

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) earned its sixth consecutive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), joining less than 5% of departments nationwide and just 18 in Colorado to receive the honor.

CALEA accreditation requires the department to meet 366 professional standards based on national best practices and involves a weeklong audit by outside assessors.

Several LPD programs stood out to CALEA accreditors:

- LPD's co-responder program pairs mental health clinicians from All Health Network with officers to respond to people experiencing mental health crises. Clinicians provide trauma-informed assistance and can follow up with services including therapy, case management, drug and alcohol treatment, and housing and vocational services.
- Littleton has a full-time Victim Advocate and several volunteers who respond immediately to victims of crimes and continue to communicate with them as court cases advance, in efforts to diminish the stress and confusion victims might otherwise experience.
- In a time when some school districts are cutting ties with School Resource Officers (SROs), LPD's relationship with Littleton Public Schools remains strong. Littleton's SROs facilitate a court diversion program for students, educate young people on the dangers of impaired driving, and offer an insight into the family lives of students.

CALEA's report on Littleton Police reached this conclusion: "It was clear to the assessment team that the Littleton Police Department embraces the ideals of accreditation by working with city stakeholders and community members on an inclusive approach to a safe and secure future."

Transportation Improvements Planned Along Mineral Avenue

The City of Littleton is working to identify and design transportation improvements in the area along West Mineral Avenue east of Santa Fe Drive to approximately South Windermere Street. Improvements are needed to create safer and more complete options for bicyclists and pedestrians who travel in this area. Improvements are being considered at multiple locations and could include separated bike lanes and an improved trail along Mineral Avenue, changes at intersections to boost safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, and upgraded crossings of roadways for High Line Canal Trail users. Through a robust planning process incorporating community input, the city will identify a set of improvements aimed at enhancing transportation mode choices and connectivity while increasing safety.

Many community members have already contributed ideas to the alternatives development and screening process. Join the project mailing list to be notified of an opportunity to share thoughts regarding the draft preferred alternatives by visiting www.littletongov.org/MineralMobilityImprovements.



The project's total budget is \$2 million, funded by a "Safer Main Streets" grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation. Construction is expected to begin in 2023.

Three Littleton Parks Get Upgrades

Renovations are wrapping up this summer at three Littleton parks.

- **Berry Park**, at Berry Avenue and Julian Street, is receiving a new playground, new concrete trail, and new sod. Improvements are scheduled to be completed in June. The cost is \$450,000, split between the City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.
- **Ida Park**, at Bannock Street and Ida Avenue, is receiving a new playground, expected to be complete in June. The cost is \$175,000, split between the City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.
- **Southbridge Park**, at Windermere Street and Prescott Street, is receiving a substantial renovation, including a new playground, ballfield, shade pavilion, and basketball court. The work is expected to be complete by late summer. The cost is \$900,000, split between the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the Arapahoe County Open Space Fund, and a local foundation.

Playground at Ida Park (right)



Get Involved in the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue Intersection Improvements Project

Want to know more about plans to address congestion at Mineral Avenue and Santa Fe Drive? Meet with the project team at the City of Littleton's Meet, Greet, & Eat events to learn more and ask questions about the innovative quadrant roadway solution that will reduce congestion and improve safety at this intersection.

- June 15 from 4-6 p.m. at Ketrington Park
6000 South Gallup Street
- July 13 from 4-6 p.m. at TrailMark Park
8853 West TrailMark Parkway

Project planners will hold an on-demand virtual meeting this summer to provide an update on the quadrant roadway design and next steps. Keep an eye out for more information on the website at littletongov.org/santafe-mineral and the city's social media pages.

1. Why is the quadrant roadway the solution for the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral intersection?

The City of Littleton recognizes that the quadrant roadway is a new concept. In fact, it is the first of its kind in Colorado. It is a proven and effective solution that has greatly reduced traffic and improved safety in other states. The quadrant roadway concept works by shifting left turns away from the main intersection to a new connector road. Eliminating left turns at the main intersection allows more time for vehicles to move through the intersection. It also allows additional through-lanes to be added at the intersection without significantly widening the road.

2. How will congestion decrease if a new traffic signal is added along Santa Fe Drive south of Mineral Avenue?

The new traffic signal south of Mineral Avenue and the existing one at Mineral Avenue will be timed to optimize traffic flow. Because the new traffic signal shifts left turns away from the main intersection, the "green time" at that intersection can be given to the through movements along Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue instead of splitting up the green time with left turn arrows. This allows the high traffic volumes on all four sides of the intersection to move through more efficiently.

3. If there will be a flyover interchange at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue in the future, why not save the funds from the quad road and invest in a long-term solution?

The quad road is a long-term solution and is expected to perform well for more than a decade—and even longer if no improvements are made elsewhere along Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue. Without those outside improvements, an interchange might not be needed, and that money can be spent on other improvement projects in the city.

Learn more about how a quadrant roadway works, sign up for the project distribution list, and stay updated on opportunities for engagement. Visit littletongov.org/santafe-mineral.



South Suburban seeks feedback on Jackass Hill Park

Residents can weigh in on Jackass Hill Park's future this summer as South Suburban Parks and Recreation explores ideas to improve the park at Jackass Hill Road and Prince Street.

In addition to an online survey available at OpenLittleton.org, South Suburban staff will seek community feedback at a pop-up event at the park from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16.

South Suburban park rangers have increased patrols in the park and posted signs indicating that the park closes at 11 p.m.



City Council Appoints Authority, Board, and Commission Members

Dozens of citizens graciously volunteer their time to serve on Littleton's 11 Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs). City council appointed or reappointed 36 citizens to the ABCs effective April 1:

- **Arts & Culture Commission**
Emily Abell, Ray Bartee, Koleta Charun, Michelle Cyran, Denise Weed
- **Board of Adjustment**
Alexis Barrere, Tim LeVier
- **Building Board of Appeals**
Ron Manske
- **Election Commission**
Maureen Hartlaub, James Taylor, Elizabeth Texel Turner
- **Fine Arts Board**
Carol Ackerman, Susan Harrison, John Hoestery
- **Historical Preservation Board**
Brandon Addison, Kim Field, Amy Fischer, Chris Geddes, Jason Henderson
- **Licensing Authority**
Tobin Follenweider, Scott Primeau, Jothi Ravindrin
- **Next Generation Advisory Committee**
Zach Alexander, Gregory Anderson, Rivers Hylton, Allison Laws, Brennon Morris, Natalie Musil, Sterling Oldemeyer, Lydia Phillips
- **Planning Commission**
Dave McFadyen, Tim Neely, Patrick Santana
- **South Metro Housing Options**
Lauren Acres
- **Transportation Mobility Board**
Tom Grant, Stephanie Kelly, David Pulsipher

Pizza, Fun and Conversation Await at Meet, Greet, & Eat Events



Residents are invited to three Meet, Greet, & Eat events at local parks this summer. Meet, Greet, & Eat provides pizza and ice cream for no charge, as well as activities for children like bounce houses and interactive nature displays from South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

Events also offer residents a chance to have conversations with city council members and other city officials about community issues.

Three Meet, Greet, & Eats will be held this summer:

- Ketrington Park, 6000 South Gallup Street
Wednesday, June 15 • 4-6 p.m.
- TrailMark Park, 8853 West TrailMark Parkway
Wednesday, July 13 • 4-6 p.m.
- Berry Park, 3400 West Berry Avenue
Wednesday, August 24 • 4-6 p.m.

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Littleton Police Launch Stronger Social Media Presence

The Littleton Police Department launched its own social media channels in April, part of efforts to increase transparency and communication with the public.

Littleton Police now have pages on Facebook and Twitter. Residents are encouraged to follow the pages for important updates on public safety issues, as well as community and department updates.

Facebook: facebook.com/LittletonPD

Twitter: twitter.com/LittletonPD

In an emergency, residents should call or text 911.

Hinsdale Avenue in Littleton Village to be Repaired

Settling soil that has caused a portion of Hinsdale Avenue in Littleton Village to sink is slated to be repaired later this year.

Constructed in 2015, Hinsdale Avenue running east/west through the development at Broadway and Dry Creek Road, has settled more than a foot forcing the closure of a stretch of the road and sidewalk, and limiting access for residents and first responders. An investigation by an engineering consultant found a loose layer of fill dirt roughly 10 to 20 feet below the surface.

Littleton's Public Works staff will oversee repair of the settling area with a process called geosynthetic reinforced filling, which involves digging out the soil and refilling it with alternating layers of high-strength geotextile material and fill soil, topped with new pavement and sidewalk.

The estimated cost of the repair is \$300,000, with funds to be drawn from Littleton's share of the American Rescue Plan Act. The city has contracted with Alfred Benesch & Company, a Denver-based civil engineering firm, to complete the work. The design phase of the project is expected to be complete by August, with project completion expected in the fall.

Downtown Walking Tours Planned

Tour guides from Historic Littleton Inc. share the stories of downtown's marvelous architecture and characters from the city's past.

Tours are held at 6 p.m. on first Fridays: June 3, July 1, and September 2. Two tours will be held during Western Welcome Week, Friday, August 19 at 5 and 6 p.m.

Tours meet on the steps of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse at 2069 West Littleton Boulevard.

Tours are free, but donations are appreciated. Reservations are not required.

For more information go to hlinc.org.



Littleton Museum Events

World Wide Knit in Public Day

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 11

Bring fiber arts projects to the lawn beside the museum's living history farms and work alongside other artists. Free, no reservations required.

History Adventures

History Adventures are day-long activities that help participating young "Explorers" understand the experiences of people from the past who have called Colorado home. This summer's sessions are full but interested parents can get on a waitlist or find Bemis Library's list of books on themes and topics related to each session by searching for "History Adventures" at LittletonGov.org.

- Tuesday, June 14 - Discovering Nature - Ages 7-11
- Tuesday, June 28 - Life on the Farm - Ages 8-12
- Tuesday, July 12 - Art and History - Ages 7-11
- Tuesday, July 26 - Military Day - Ages 9-13

Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

6:30-8 p.m., most Wednesdays, June 15 - August 3

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome families back to the museum's front lawn for the 2022 Summer Concert Series. Free, no reservations required.

- June 15 - Ryan Shupe
- June 22 - Juice O'The Barley
- June 29 - Jeff Johnson & Company
- July 6 - No Performance - Happy 4th of July!
- July 13 - Journey Girls
- July 20 - Delta Sonics
- July 27 - Spinphony

Draft Day

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 18

See mules, oxen, and large draft horses in action. These large animals, vital to survival in the 19th century, will be put to work as museum staff demonstrate how fields were plowed and wagons were pulled across the plains. Speak with experts about the care and training of these large draft animals and

learn about planting time on a farm in the 1860s. Free, no reservations required.

1800s Independence Day

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 2

Celebrate the American spirit of friendly competition with an 1860s-rules baseball game featuring the newly re-formed Littleton Rough & Readies vintage baseball team. Enjoy a game played against another Colorado Vintage Base Ball Association team. Guests can make their own pennants and cheer on the home team. Kids' competitions include sack races and three-legged races. Free, no reservations required.

škhé: it is said Exhibit Opening Reception

5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, July 14

Celebrate the opening of this exhibit, featuring artist Danielle SeeWalker. 21+, please. škhé: it is said is an early-career body of work by Denver artist Danielle SeeWalker, an enrolled Citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. SeeWalker works across disciplines to explore the intersections of Native American stereotypes, microaggressions, and colonialist systems, both historically and in contemporary society. Drawing on a current color palette, expressionistic art strategies, and her Lakota traditions, SeeWalker spins her work into a contemporary vision to elevate historical perspectives as told from the side not often heard. The exhibit is open Friday, July 15 through Sunday, October 9.



Jammin' July Fitness Challenge

Join South Suburban's Jammin' July fitness challenge to try new classes or personal training sessions! Everyone 10 and older can participate by picking up a Jammin' July card from a fitness staff member or the front desk at Buck Recreation Center. Earn a sticker each time a fitness class or personal training session is taken from July 1-31. Once all five boxes are filled, turn in the card at the front desk to be entered to win. There is no limit to the number of cards that can be filled out! Return all completed Jammin' July cards by July 31 for a chance to win prizes like South Suburban gift cards, drop-in fitness passes, or massages.

Annual Maintenance Closures at Buck

Each year South Suburban closes its recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. Passes and punches are eligible to be used at any of the other South Suburban facilities during the weekly closures.

Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 15 - 19.

Improvements include:

- New lobby furniture
- Upgrading the facility PA system
- Replacement of all SilverSneakers chairs
- Installing new pool lighting
- Full pool drain and acid wash
- Facility painting throughout

South Suburban Race Series

Learn more and register for summer races at ssprd.org/raceseries.

Pancake Stampede 5K

Sunday, August 14

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at the Pancake Stampede 5K! The race takes place on the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River and is part of Littleton's Western Welcome Week celebration.

Incumbents re-elected to South Suburban Parks and Recreation board

Susan Pye, Pete Barrett, and David Lawful were re-elected May 3 to serve three-year terms on the South Suburban Board of Directors. Each is serving their second term on the board. They join current board members Ken Lucas and Jim Taylor. For more information, visit ssprd.org/Board-Election.

Juneteenth and Fourth of July Closures

All city of Littleton offices will be closed Monday, June 19, and Monday, July 4 in recognition of these important holidays.

EARLY SUMMER 2022 LITTLETON EVENTS

SATURDAY
JUNE 11

OVATION

A benefit for the
Town Hall Arts Center

Main Street, in front
of the historic Town Hall
5:30-9:30 p.m.

Visit [townhall artscenter.org](http://townhallartscenter.org)
to purchase tickets.



SATURDAY
JUNE 11

Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Littleton Museum
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY
JULY 2

Independence Day on the Farm

Littleton Museum
10 a.m.-3 p.m.



MONDAY
JULY 4

Independence Day Fireworks

Cornerstone, Bellevue,
and Progress Parks
(depending on fire restrictions)

WEDNESDAY
JULY 13

Meet, Greet, & Eat

TrailMark Park • 4-6 p.m.

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Museum Concert Series Journey Girls

Littleton Museum
6:30-8 p.m.

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JULY 20

Museum Concert Series Delta Sonics

Littleton Museum
6:30-8 p.m.



WEDNESDAY
JULY 27

Museum Concert Series Spinphony

Littleton Museum • 6:30-8 p.m.

SATURDAY
JULY 23

Little Jam Concert JV3

Sterne Park
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Free!



SATURDAY
AUGUST 6

Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Bike Fest

Downtown Littleton
2:45-10 p.m.

Find more information at:

Littleton **ROCKS**.com

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 15

Meet, Greet, & Eat

Ketring Park • 4-6 p.m.

Meet city council, staff, and
neighbors. Free pizza
and dessert.



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 15

Museum Concert Series Ryan Schupe

Littleton Museum
6:30-8 p.m.

SATURDAY
JUNE 18

Draft Day

Littleton Museum
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 22

Museum Concert Series Juice 'o the Barley

Littleton Museum
6:30-8 p.m.

SATURDAY
JUNE 25

Little Jam Concert MM8TR

Sterne Park
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Free!

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 29

Museum Concert Series Jeff Johnson & Company

Littleton Museum • 6:30-8 p.m.



City Council and School Board Discuss New Initiatives

Littleton Public Schools (LPS) is moving forward with several projects to improve life in Littleton, the district told city officials in a joint meeting April 22.

LPS will begin a community outreach effort to decide how to best use the soon-to-be-empty East Elementary School building. LPS is moving closer to consolidating East and Moody elementary schools in a new school to be built on the Moody campus, a process expected to be complete in fall 2023. The district plans to work with area residents and groups to turn the East building near Broadway and Littleton Boulevard into a community center that meets neighborhood needs.

LPS students will be able to explore a wide range of career opportunities when the district opens its Explorative Pathways for Innovative Careers (EPIC) Campus, scheduled for fall 2023. Housed in a former car dealership and repair facility across the street from Littleton High School, the EPIC Campus will feature hands-on learning labs in aerospace, business, computer science, construction trades, health sciences, and natural resources. The programs are being developed in conjunction with local employers and will offer students the chance to obtain apprenticeships and certificates before graduating high school.

Bemis Public Library's partnership with LPS, called the One Card program, allows every LPS student ID to function as a Bemis Public Library card. The program allows students to access research databases and has increased use of the library's services and databases by 180% since it began in 2020. Nearly 14,000 students and 2,900 LPS faculty members are enrolled in the program.

LPS officials praised the work of School Resource Officers from the Littleton Police Department, who serve in six schools in the district: Littleton, Heritage, and Options High Schools; and Powell, Goddard, and Euclid Middle Schools.



Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan Receive Awards for Homeless Action Plan

Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan received two awards in April for their collaborative work on the Tri-Cities Homeless Action Plan.

The first was a Program Excellence award from the Colorado City & County Management Association. The award recognizes innovative and successful programs organized by local governments, especially those demonstrating partnerships with other governments, the private sector, and nonprofit agencies.

The second, a Metro Vision award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), recognizes excellence, innovation, collaboration, and leadership in problem-solving among communities and their partners.

Littleton is working closely with Englewood and Sheridan to implement the goals of the Tri-Cities Homeless Policy Group, including launching a workforce development program, hiring a homeless services coordinator, and developing plans for a homeless resource navigation center.

Bemis Public Library announces bookmobile plans

Bemis Public Library will soon have a new set of wheels.

The library plans to roll out its first-ever bookmobile in early 2023, making it possible to deliver library materials to people with limited mobility or living in underserved areas. The bookmobile will also allow for mobile library programs around Littleton.

Thanks to a combination of city funding and a grant from a local philanthropist, the library acquired a 2021 Ford Transit 350 cargo van that will be converted into a bookmobile by Summit Body Works of Fort Lupton.

The conversion is expected to be complete in late 2022, and Bemis Library director Nancy Trimm expects the bookmobile could hit the road in early 2023. "We need to serve everyone in our community, and that means going beyond the library walls," Trimm said.

The project is an expansion of years of outreach efforts by the library, Trimm said. Bemis staff have long held "pop-up libraries," and for years staff have used their personal vehicles to deliver materials to assisted living homes and Options High School.



The bookmobile will deliver hold items to those who have difficulty traveling to the library, and will also carry a rotating collection, including large-print, children's, and bilingual books and other materials.

Library staff also hope to bring the bookmobile to summer festivals and events and hold children's storytimes around town.

"We need to serve everyone in our community, and that means going beyond the library walls,"

Nancy Trimm, Library Director

Bemis Public Library Announces 2022 "One Book One Littleton" Title

Bemis Public Library has selected *Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country* by Colorado author Pam Houston for this year's One Book One Littleton citywide reading program. The memoir explores the concept of "home" while exploring issues that are particularly relevant to Westerners including managing fire, development, and wildlife.

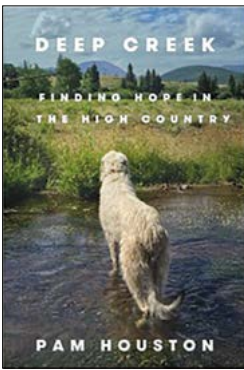
The book brings readers inside Houston's impulsive decision to purchase a 120-acre ranch near Creede, Colorado, and offers vivid descriptions of tending the land for the next 25 years. Houston's strength and open heart are inspiring as she describes caring for everything from miniature donkeys to an abandoned elk calf, the barn, and the earth itself. An award-winning author, Houston's books include *Cowboys Are My Weakness* and *Contents May Have Shifted*.

"When we started talking about books for our second One Book One Littleton—with the theme of 'place'—Pam Houston was the natural choice," said Library Director Nancy Trimm. "She's led an extraordinary life, but she's incredibly accessible and relatable. I truly believe this memoir will help us all appreciate our place in the world."

Deep Creek is available in hard copy and digital formats at Bemis Public Library and the Tattered Cover Book Store at Aspen Grove. In addition, the library has book club kits and discussion questions ready for checkout.

One Book One Littleton will culminate with a reception, writing workshop, and keynote speech by Houston at Bemis Public Library September 25. Tickets will go on sale August 15. For more information, search "One Book One Littleton" at littletongov.org.

One Book One Littleton is cosponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. For information on sponsorships, email friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com.



Celebrate 150th Birthday of Littleton's Oldest Building

Historic Littleton, Inc. will celebrate the 150th birthday of the J.D. Hill store, Littleton's oldest building, at 5738 South Rapp Street at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30.

The building, built in 1872, was Littleton's first general store and post office, and the oldest surviving building in town.

Volunteers from Historic Littleton, Inc. will give presentations on Littleton's early days, serve birthday cake, and give out free coloring books and prints of Littleton's historic buildings. Mayor Pro Tem Gretchen Rydin will co-host, and Littleton's Honorary Dog Mayor Murdoch and Dog Mayor Pro Tem Netty will be available for photos.

For more information about the event or about Historic Littleton, Inc., visit hlinc.org.



BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

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Celebrate TheStudio@Bemis'
First Birthday - June 4, 1-5 p.m.— For all Ages
Commemorate a year of creativity and making as TheStudio@Bemis turns one. Everyone is invited, whether they've been a regular visitor or are brand new to the maker's space. Discover all it has to offer. Activities will be available for the whole family.

Artist-in-Residence: Alejandra Abad
June & July—For All Ages
Alejandra Abad will bring her project *Our Wishes* to Bemis Public Library through a collaboration with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Messages of hope will be crowdsourced from the community and then placed on ten beautiful flags that will be displayed at the library. Bemis will host Abad for a three-week residency, utilizing the maker's space to create the flags. Patrons of all ages are invited to help create the flags and learn from Abad throughout the residency.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program For Children from Birth–Students Entering Grade 5
Pick up a reading log at the library, read whatever one likes and earn free books and other prizes. Visit bemis.marmot.org for information about programs and activities throughout the summer. Program runs through July 31.




June Family Entertainment—Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Programs for Families with Kids Ages 3 and Up

- June 7—Ahoy Mateys**
Kick off a summer of possibilities with Bryce Jackman and his zany interactive pirate show.
- June 14—Magic Man, Dennis Michael**
Unique improvisational magic and music.
- June 21—Kids House of Joy**
Go on a journey to discover the wide variety of music from around the world.
- June 28—Amazing Oceans**
Mad Science will explore diverse marine life.

June School Age Programs—Thursdays at 2 p.m. For Kids Entering Grades 1-5*

- June 9—Shell Exploration***
Discover how to identify seashells, craft keychains, and bracelets, then make an "oyster" and eat it!
- June 16—Ocean in a Jar***
Learn about ocean zones then construct a miniature representation to take home.
- June 23—Vegetable Stamping***
Painting with a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- June 30—Search & Rescue Dogs of Colorado***
Learn how SARDOC train dogs in scent, trailing, water search, and avalanche rescue.



July Family Entertainment—Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Programs for Families with Kids Ages 3 and Up

- July 5—Music For Kids**
Eric West and a trunk filled with homemade treasures, unusual instruments, puppets, and lumberjacks accompany his fun, original songs.

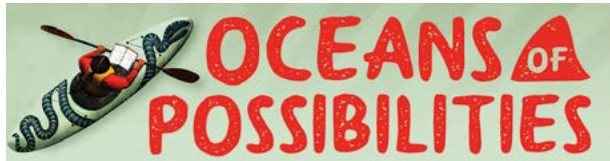
- July 12—The Turtle and the Fisherman**
Salida Circus try to save an underwater circus from the perils of ocean trash.
- July 19—Pirates: Lost at Sea**
Talewise combines storytelling with hands-on science in an action-packed adventure of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island.
- July 26—"The Greatest Show on Earth"**
Marionette artist Mark Hellerstein brings puppets, magic, and ventriloquism to his show.

July School Age Programs—Thursdays at 2 p.m. For Children Entering Grades 1-5*

- July 7—Finger Knitting Fun***
Learn to finger knit an animal friend.
- July 14—Play Dough Workshop***
Make homemade dough then jazz it up with colors, scents, and sparkles.
- July 21—Experience Hawaii***
Arts, crafts, music, dance, games and more.
- July 28—South Platte Express***
Carson Nature Center brings the educational River Table for hands-on activities about erosion, flooding, and river dynamics.

**Reservations required one week in advance for all Thursday School Age Programs. Call 303-795-3961 to register.*

TEEN PROGRAMS

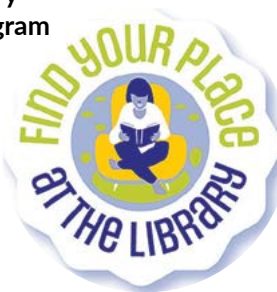


Teen Summer Reading Events—For Grades 6-12*
Attending the following events enters teens into the current week's prize drawings and the grand prize drawings at the end of July.

- Yarn Ocean—June 1, 2-3:30 p.m.***
Help create a coral reef and sea creatures out of yarn to be displayed in the library.
- Submarine Escape Room—June 8, 12-7 p.m.***
Teams work together to beat this submarine-themed escape room.
- Pirate Bingo—June 15, 2-3 p.m.***
Earn a pirate's hoard of candy prizes.
- Art Nouveaoceans—June 22, 2-3 p.m.***
Learn about the art nouveau and create unique jellyfish drawings with a local comic artist.
- Ocean In A Jar—June 29, 2-3:30 p.m.***
Create a watery meditation jar and capture a bit of the sea.
- Dungeons & Dragons: Voyage of the Salty Kobold—July 6, 12-7:30 p.m.***
Depart on an adventure with a team of heroes.
- Sea Life Trivia—July 13, 2-3 p.m.***
Earn candy prizes and test knowledge of unique and awesome sea creatures.
- Ultimate WereShark—July 20, 2-3:30 p.m.***
Protect the reef and chase out sharks in this reimagined game of Ultimate Werewolf.
- Water Balloons—July 27, 2-3 p.m.***
Test accuracy with a giant water balloon slingshot and get ready to get wet.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Find Your Place at the Library Adult Summer Reading Program For Adults of All Ages
Pick up a bingo card and "find your place" at the library this summer. Completed bingo cards are prize drawing entries.



Stitch Circle—June 2, 16, 30 and July 14, 28 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—For All Ages
Join Stitch Circle in TheStudio@Bemis. Bring in personal projects or learn the basics of knitting, crocheting, or embroidery.

Mundo Místico—For Ages 16 and Up

- June 3—Puerto Rico, 9:30-10:30 a.m.***
- July 1—Spain, 9:30-10:30 a.m.***

Each month, the class explores one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. In-person or virtual program: attend at Bemis or via Zoom.

Board Games @ Bemis
June 10 and July 8, 5-7 p.m.—For All Ages
Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served.

Crafts at the Library— For Ages 10 and Up*

- June 11—Find Your Place Craft**
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.*
Use old maps to make bookmarks or buttons
- July 23—Cyanotype Craft**
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.*
This unique art technique uses the sun to create impressions on paper or fabric.

Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—June 16, 2-3:30 p.m. For Ages 18 and Up*
Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's current exhibition and create a piece of art inspired by the show.

Musical Concerts at the Library—For All Ages

- June 18—Sounds of RnR, 2-3 p.m.**
Acoustic rock duo Rick Iracki and Rex Reed.
- July 9—The Ballad of America, 2-3 p.m.**
Accordionist Ron Tomocik will play classic American tunes.

Gardening in Colorado—For All Ages—6-7 p.m.
Programs presented by a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office.

- June 21—Container Gardening**
Learn how to plan, plant, and care for a container garden.
- July 19—Xeriscape Gardening**
Learn about xeric landscaping and planting waterwise, drought tolerant plants in Colorado.



Active Minds, 2-3 p.m.—For Adults of All Ages

- June 27—Ireland and Northern Ireland**
Brexit and the recent surprise electoral victory of Sinn Féin have raised uncertainties about the political future of Ireland.
- July 25—The U.S. Electric Grid**
Join Active Minds to discuss how the electric grid system works, its challenges, and future opportunities.

Streets of Denver and the Littleton Exception
July 12, 6-7 p.m.—For All Ages
Learn the history of street names in Denver and what happened when smaller towns were swallowed up by the growing metro area.

Artist-in-Residence Workshops: Alejandra Abad
July 14 and 16, 2-4 p.m.—For All Ages*
Join artist Alejandra Abad to create beautiful flags with messages of hope submitted by the community. Flags will be displayed at the library.

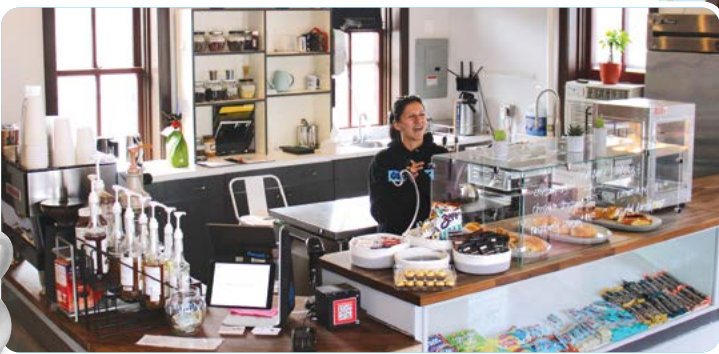
***To register, participate or join any of these programs go to the All Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.**



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Nook Coffee

Nook Coffee is now open in the historic Denver & Rio Grande Depot at the Littleton Downtown Light Rail station. The location is the second for Nook Coffee, which also has a shop on Main Street. The shop offers a wide range of coffee, including the popular Nutella Latte, as well as local brands



like Dis burritos and baked goods from Trompeau Bakery. The shop is open 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For more information visit nookcoffeelittleton.com or call 720-536-5600.



NEW SHOPS AT ASPEN GROVE

The Aspen Grove shopping center at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue recently added several new shops to the "100 block," at the northeast corner of the complex. Here's a look at some of the new offerings:



Vibe Foods

Healthy and fresh are the order of the day at Vibe Foods, which offers juices, smoothies, superfood bowls, wellness shots, warm drinks and more. All products are free of gluten, dairy, and refined sugar, and are packed with nutrients, enzymes, and minerals. The shop is in storefront #110 and open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. seven days a week. For more information visit lovevibefoods.com or call 303-284-4002.



You Deserve Art

You Deserve Art showcases paintings, photography, sculpture, and other media by numerous local artists. The gallery's name reflects the philosophy of owner Maurice Amar. "Regardless of your socioeconomic status, everyone deserves art on their walls that really makes them feel something," Amar said. "Here, you can support local artists while beautifying your home, without paying big gallery prices." You Deserve Art is in storefront #150 and open noon-6 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday. For more information visit youdeserveart.com or call 503-453-0867.

Vintage, farmhouse, rustic, midcentury-modern, or industrial – it all has a home at Red Apron Vintage, which moved to Aspen Grove after stints on Main Street and operating out of a retro camper. Kitchen décor, linens, and furniture share space with all manner of unique treasures. Red Apron Vintage is in storefront #130 and open noon-5 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday. For more information visit redapronvintage.com or call 303-947-3791.

Red Apron Vintage



Apothecary Fairy



Give a lift to your spirit and body at Apothecary Fairy. The company, open since 1996, now has a storefront at Aspen Grove, offering unique soap, skincare, and hair care products. Other items include candles, incense, herbs, teas, spices, essential oils, perfumes, and plants. Classes include soapmaking, terrarium design, kombucha making and more. There is complimentary tea and lemon water for shoppers. The shop is in storefront #120 and open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Visit theapothecaryfairy.com or call 303-802-7381.